



# The African: Debunking the Stereotypes

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*Ruddy Abam*

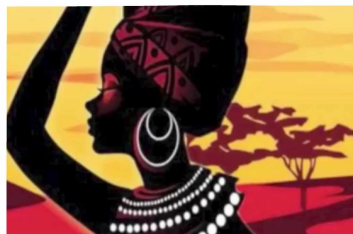
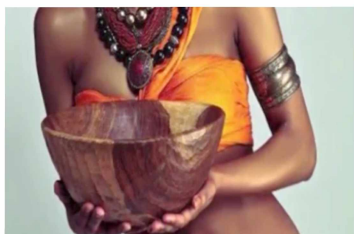
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These visuals represent the video: **THE AFRICAN: *Debunking the Stereotype***, by Ruddy Abam, that explore the labels and definitions given to african men and women, mainly by the western world and western cultures.

As the video rolls, it narrates the various stereotypes that the African deals with, accompanied by Macklemore's *Same Love: (partial Instrumental)* in the background and a descriptive overvoice by the author Ruddy Abam.



These photos to the author, define who an African is, and fights to debunk the already existing stereotypes.

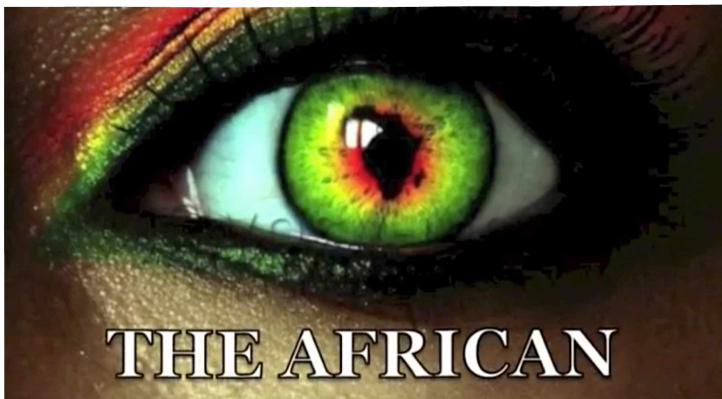
**WELCOME TO MY WORLD**, here, I am an *African woman*, daughter of an *African Man*... and this, is what you may think of me, against who I really am.



Africans are a suffering people

BUT

We are content people.



Continuous, as Macklemore and Ryan Lewis *Same Love* Instrumental plays.



An African strives for better from what they came from.



We are not dying, we are empowered.



The notion that Africa suffers only from primitivity, violence and disease is



countered by truth and fact that we are not only to be identified as such, but **The darkest thing about Africa,** as strong people. about an African "is Society's ignorance of it," of us We are not only to be recognized as poverty stricken and uncivilized, but celebrated on the contrary, as wealthy sons and daughters of tradition, culture and lineage.



**Nelson Mandela:** South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, politician, served President of South Africa.

**Dr. George Bwelle:** 2013 CNN hero from Cameroon, and a medical health provider, saving lives one village at a time.





# THE AFRICAN

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**“The labels by which others try to define us, ought not be the labels by which we define ourselves.”**

**- Ruddy Abam**

YOUTUBE LINK:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bZ8VOhafX30>



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